



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

ZELLWEGER

Confirmation No. 6956

Appl. No. 10/534,466

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Examiner: A. Rost

For: **SHUT-OFF DEVICE, ESPECIALLY AN EXPLOSION PROTECTION VALVE**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 5, 2006. The three month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire August 5, 2006. Therefore, Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow this application.

Amendment to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.